



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** January 13, 2009

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Administration, Airport Department

**SUBJECT:** Goleta Sanitary District Memorandum Of Understanding

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council ratify the City Administrator's Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding entered into between the City, Goleta Sanitary District, and the City of Goleta for emergency relocation of the San Pedro Creek Sewer Line.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### Joint Sewer Lift Station & Sewer Line Project

On November 13, 2007 Council authorized the Airport Director to enter into an Agreement for Design and Construction of Firestone Road Lift Station and Collection System Facilities between the City and Goleta Sanitary District. The joint project allows both agencies to take advantage of economies of scale and more efficient design of the agencies' respective collection system facilities, a new lift station and new sewer lines. Pursuant to the Agreement, the District is responsible for the design, permitting and construction of the project. The estimated project cost of \$2.8 million will be allocated between the Airport (51%) and the District (49%). The project is under design and construction is scheduled to begin in fall 2009.

#### Gap Fire Watershed Response Plan

On July 1, 2008 the Gap Fire started and burned over 9,000 acres before it was contained on July 28. In August the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors adopted an emergency proclamation for the fire area. County, Airport, and Goleta staffs worked together to take preventative measures for potential flooding this winter as the result of the lack of vegetation in the burn area. A portion of Goleta Sanitary District's sewer line, which lies in the bed of San Pedro Creek, was identified as an obstruction to the flow of San Pedro Creek during major rain events. It was determined that relocation of the sewer line before the rainy season was necessary to maximize the flow capacity of the creek and to reduce the risk of flooding.

### Expedited Sewer Line Removal

In order to address the flooding concerns associated with the location of the sewer line, the District agreed to accelerate the portion of the joint project that involves the relocation of the sewer line located in San Pedro in advance of the larger joint project. The accelerated work also includes the construction of a temporary connection of the relocated sewer line to the District's existing collection system until the time that the joint project is completed.

Because the accelerated project will be constructed during the rainy season, the City, the District and the City of Goleta entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to address the additional costs of accelerating the project as well as the costs of potential rain delays. The costs associated with expediting the project include the temporary sewer line connection, appeals or legal action related to the project's emergency permitting, and construction rain delays. These costs will be paid by the District (25%), the City (37.5%) and the City of Goleta (37.5%). The project permitting is complete and the appeal period has passed. The potential cost from rain delays was determined to be minor. The cost of the temporary connection is \$10,000. All other costs for the accelerated project will be allocated per the City and District November 2007 Agreement.

Due to the urgent nature of the work, the three agencies executed the Memorandum of Understanding on November 6, 2008 so that the emergency permitting and bidding could go forward. The City Administrator executed the document on behalf of the City.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Karen Ramsdell, Airport Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office